

1 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
2 Appropriation and Finance Committee Minutes
3 December 3, 2008, 1:30 pm
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5 Meeting called to Order: 1:44 p.m.
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7 Roll Call: Committee members present. Committee Person Alice Yellowbank,
8 Committee Person Shirley Oldman and Committee Chairman Gerald Chingwa.
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10 Guest and Staff present: Val Tweedie, CFO, Donna Budnick, Legislative
11 Attorney.
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13 Agenda: Motion to Approve Agenda with additions by Committee Person Shirley
14 Oldman. Second by Committee Person Alice Yellowbank. Motion passes.
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16 Minutes: Motion to approve Minutes for November 15, 2008 with additions and
17 corrections by Committee Person Shirley Oldman. Second by Committee
18 Person Alice Yellowbank. Motion passes.
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20 Motion to table September 3, 2008 and April 16, 2008 minutes by Committee
21 Person Alice Yellowbank. Second by Committee Person Shirley Oldman.
22 Motion passes.
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24 Old Business. Discontinuance of Elders Transportation for Tuesday language.
25 They are now covered as employees. It is estimated that each department could
26 cover costs in 2009 if each resets priorities.
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28 Human Services budget. Line item for Direct Client Services at \$3,000. Val
29 Tweedie, CFO indicates that money may still be in line item for 2008. Discussed
30 Land Purchase line item May that may be identified as Land Site Acquisition for
31 Legislative Branch. 2010 Budget Update: Val Tweedie, CFO provided update
32 with Executive Budget with other branches incorporated. Need to send Memo to
33 Branches to alert them to send budgets in electronic form by December 15,
34 2008.
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36 2:30 P.M. Public Comment : Public Comment-None. Public Comment closed at
37 2:31 P.M..
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39 Continue with 2010 Budget Update: Set up time line for budget reviews and
40 Budget Hearings. Executive Budget turn in at 12/15/08. May need to have a
41 2009 Budget meeting after next Tribal Council meeting. Set a meeting date for
42 12/12/08. Need to set Budget meetings starting January 7, 2009 and then for
43 February, March and April until Annual meeting.
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1 After review of Old Business: Motion by Committee person Shirley Oldman to
2 accept Old business report. Second by Committee person Alice Yellowbank.
3 Motion passes.

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5 New Business: The floor is open to Val Tweedie, CFO to discuss the New
6 Business items that are primarily revenue related questions starting with: are we
7 in default? Casino is not in default on bonds but Casino owes Tribe
8 approximately \$6.5 million. Casino is paying into Sinking Fund. Is reorganizing a
9 method for Government and Casino to use? The Government reorganization
10 and reduction plans and the Casino reorganization are in motion to save money.
11 The Tribe and Casino will have to make unpopular business decisions that
12 include looking at all expenditures.

13 Services that have been available may be reduced or eliminated.

14 Other Committee Discussions included Budgets for Committees, Commissions
15 and Boards may be reduced or eliminated.

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17 The signatures on the "Indian Town" land purchase are completed.

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19 Motion by Committee Person Shirley Oldman to accept New Business report.
20 Second by Committee Person Alice Yellowbank. Motion passes.

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22 General Discussion:

23 \$7,000 Annual Meeting Line Item will be in the Executives Budget and not from
24 Prior Period Funds. Review of minutes of Health Commission.

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26 Set Next meeting date: Next meeting is December 12, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at room
27 312 at the Government building. Motion by Committee person Shirley Oldman to
28 accept next meeting date. Second by Committee person Alice Yellowbank.
29 Motion passes.

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31 Adjourn: Motion by Committee person Shirley Oldman to Adjourn at 5:05 P.M.
32 Second by Committee Person Alice Yellowbank. Motion passes.

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